

LINKS CHRISTIAN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1088984

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-10-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND IN SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: The activities of the charity continue to be the promotion of the Christian faith within a sporting environment, in particular golf, by presentation of the gospel, pastoral care and spiritual guidance

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£39,021	£33,826	-	-
2024-03-31	£37,146	£31,836	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,602	£28,918	-	-
2022-03-31	£20,623	£22,060	-	-
2021-03-31	£6,307	£4,211	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHARLES HENRY WILSON	Chair	
Andrew Butterworth		2024-05-09
MATTHEW SAMUEL PARTRIDGE		
Michael Harding		

LINKS CHRISTIAN TRUST

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**Links Christian Trust
Trustees' Annual Report
1088984**

01 April 2024 - 31 March 2025



Trustees' Report:

The charity has enjoyed a successful year fulfilling its charitable goals. On 22 – 24 April 2024 we hosted our first residential outreach event at Woodhall Spa Golf Resort in Lincolnshire. With 12 men booked into the event, we had a full-field for the competitions and, more importantly, a good evening gathering where the Christian gospel was clearly communicated. On July 28 and 29 we hosted a full trip with 24 golfers to our first residential trip to Sussex, where we played two Downland courses and had a great opportunity to connect with those attending. On 23 and 24 October we gathered again for the third outreach event at Frilford Heath in Oxfordshire and Buckingham Golf Club. Again we had a full field for both days and the sense of connection and depth of engagement with the after dinner talk was very encouraging. The year continued with another overseas trip to El Rompido, Spain between 22 – 27 February, 2025. Again we found ourselves with a full field and experienced some of the most fruitful outreach to date. We have found again that the residential events prove to be the most fruitful in terms of relationship building and conversation. Being away for five evenings creates the best opportunity to build deeper connection with each of the attendees and to communicate more of the Christian faith through Discovery Bible Studies and testimonies each evening.

During the year we also invested further into the relationships between the board of trustees and key volunteers. In particular, we appointed Andy Butterworth as a trustee and he has immediately added valuable contributions to the team.

Our trustees continue to stay in touch with many of those connected with Links Christian Trust, seeking to offer pastoral support and encouragement. This seems to be received with great appreciation by the guys in question, some being Christian believers in need of discipleship and encouragement and others yet to make that decision of faith but still exploring the claims of the Christian Gospel.

Objectives and Activities

The stated charitable aims for Links Christian Trust are:

The activities of the charity continue to be the promotion of the Christian faith within a sporting environment, in particular golf, by presentation of the gospel, pastoral care and spiritual guidance

We are confident that the charity has attended to this work and achieved its aims in the year. We have promoted the Christian faith through our two residential events, through pastoral care of those attending and spiritual guidance to any interested parties within the core database of contacts.

Achievements and Performance

- Residential outreach events in April, July and October 2024
- Overseas residential event in February 2025
- Multiple relational connections, investment and support
- Fundraising
- Maintenance of a professional website and events booking system

- Regular email newsletters sent in April, August, October and December 2024
- Trustees meetings on 9 May & 18 September 2024, and 23 January 2025
- The review and gap analysis of necessary policies

Financial Review

- Review of overall performance

The charity funds its work through voluntary donations by supporters. Having agreed our cash balance requirements, the trustees decided to include a small margin into all event ticket prices, as well continuing to invite regular and one-off charitable donations. With these included, the overall financial performance of the charity is that we had income of £39K and expenditure of £34k, generating a surplus of £5k. The cash bank balance was £13,153 at 31 March 2025.

Our donations income was as follows:

- o s/o donations £780
- o Events surplus of income £793
- o Other gifts and donations £604

- Reserves Policy

The trustees have agreed to maintain a working minimum balance of £3,000 in the charity's account to ensure that insurance costs and event booking fees can be met.

- Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is overseen by four trustees and two senior volunteers. The trustees met three times in this financial year and have now decided to meet three times each year. The trustees review the financial accounts, consider event success and make future plans together collaboratively.

- Trustees and Leadership

Charles Wilson (Chair), Michael Harding (Accountant) and Matthew Partridge (Managing), Andrew Butterworth. Bernard Firkins continues to be a central volunteer to the work. The executive leadership for the charity's events and communications is given by Matthew Partridge. Matt also manages the website content and takes a lead at co-ordinating the communication of the Christian Gospel at our outreach events.

- Internal controls and risk management

The charity operates within the guidelines and law of the UK Charity Commission. It has agreed a number of policies to safeguard attendees and volunteers and, where necessary, undertakes formal Risk assessments for major events. The accounts are reviewed by an external examiner. Policies reviewed and adopted in the year were: Health & Safety, Inclusivity, Lone Working, Safeguarding policies.

Charles Wilson CHAIR 26/8/2025

Financial Accounts

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

12 months to 31/03/25

		2025	2024
INCOME			
Gifts from individuals	£604	£2,130	
Standing Orders	£780	£20	
Events/talks	£37,637	£33,965	
Tax refund	£0	£1,031	
Other income	<u>£0</u>	<u>£39,021</u>	<u>£0</u> £37,146
EXPENDITURE			
Website expenses	£355	£270	
Events	£32,912	£31,136	
Insurance	£434	£429	
Marketing	£0	£0	
Donations	£0	£0	
Miscellaneous	<u>£125</u>	<u>£33,826</u>	<u>£0</u> £31,835
Excess of Income over Expenses/ (Loss)		<u>£5,195</u>	<u>£5,311</u>

BALANCE SHEET


AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
Fixed Assets		£0		£0
Current Assets				
Bank	£13,153		£7,957	
Debtors & prepayments	<u>£0</u>	£13,153	<u>£0</u>	£7,957
Current Liabilities				
Accruals/creditors	£0		£0	
Loan	<u>£0</u>	£0	<u>£0</u>	£0
Net worth		<u>£13,153</u>		<u>£7,957</u>

Represented by:

Reserves b/f	£7,958		£2,647	
Excess of Income over Expenses	<u>£5,195</u>		<u>£5,311</u>	
		<u>£13,153</u>		<u>£7,958</u>

Signed:  26/8/2025
 C Wilson - Chair of Trustees

Signed:  26/8/25

M Harding – Accountant & Trustee

Date

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

12 MONTHS TO 31/03/2025

1. These accounts are prepared on cash accounting principles. However, there are significant receipts and payments that relate to events for the following financial year, which, if prepared on an accruals basis, would give different results for 24/25.

At 31/03/2025, such receipts totalling £5125 relating to 24/25 events and payments in advance of £2107 would reduce the surplus to £2177 for this year.

2. At 31/03/25, Gift aid donations to be claimed in 25/26 amounted to £354.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Links Christian Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Links Christian Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Paul Gilbert
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Ferring
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Date: 26th August 2025

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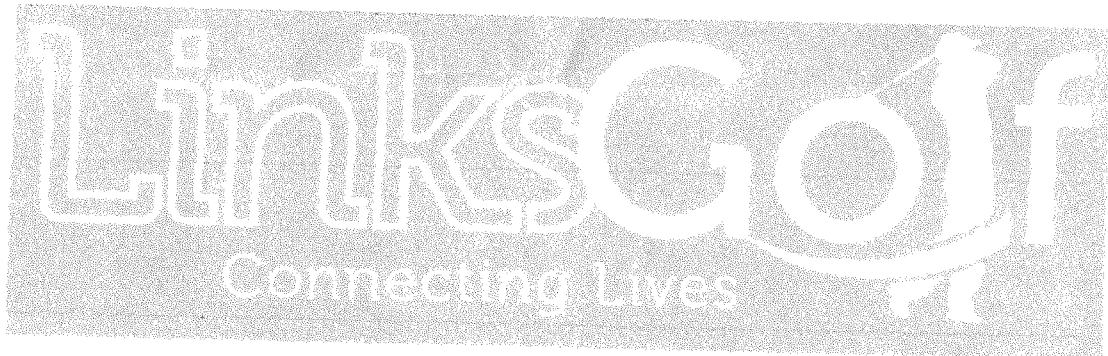
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Links Christian Trust

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Accounts

1088984

01 April 2023 - 31 March 2024



Trustees' Report:

The charity has enjoyed a successful year fulfilling its charitable goals. On 5 & 6 June 2023 we hosted our first overnight outreach event at Stoke By Nayland Golf Resort near Colchester, Essex. With 22 men booked into the event, we had a full-field for the competitions and, more importantly, a full evening gathering where the Christian gospel was clearly communicated. From 26 February to 1 March we hosted a full trip with 24 golfers to El Rompido in Spain. We have found that the residential events prove to be the most fruitful in terms of relationship building and conversation. Being away for five evenings creates the best opportunity to build a deeper connection with each of the attendees and to communicate more of the Christian faith through Discovery Bible Studies and testimonies each evening.

During the year we also invested further into the relationships between the board of trustees and key volunteers. In particular, we began to include Andy Butterworth in some of our conversations and planning. He has proven to be an excellent volunteer and supporter of the charity.

Three of our trustees continue to stay in touch with many of those connected with Links Christian Trust, seeking to offer pastoral support and encouragement. This seems to be received with great appreciation by the guys in question, some being Christian believers in need of discipleship and encouragement and others yet to *make that decision of faith but still exploring the claims of the Christian Gospel.*

Objectives and Activities

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Achievements and Performance

- Residential outreach event in June '23
- Overseas residential event in February '24
- Multiple relational connections, investment and support
- Fundraising
- Maintenance of a professional website and events booking system
- Regular email newsletters sent in July '23 & Sep '23
- Trustees meetings on 18 Sep '23 & 8 Feb '24

- The review and gap analysis of necessary policies in Sep '23, these included: Health & Safety, Inclusivity, Lone Working, Safeguarding policies.

Financial Review

- **Review of overall performance**

The charity funds its work through voluntary donations by supporters. During the year the trustees reviewed its cash balance requirements. As the events have expanded so too has the need to pay for and fund deposit payments. Such payments are almost always made ahead of any bookings by attendees, leaving the charity funding the gap between securing the venue and receiving the first bookings. Once this need had been identified we were encouraged to be offered a couple of generous one-off gifts. This understanding has also informed our budget and fund-raising plans for the following financial year. With all that said, the overall financial performance of the charity is that we had income of £37,146 and expenditure of £31,836, generating a surplus of £5,310. The cash bank balance was £7,957 at 31 March 2024.

- **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have agreed to maintain a working minimum balance of £3,000 in the charity's account to ensure that insurance costs and event booking fees can be met.

- **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is overseen by three trustees and two senior volunteers. The trustees met twice in this financial year and have now decided to meet three times each year from the start of the 24/25 year. The trustees review the financial accounts, consider event success and make future plans together collaboratively.

- **Trustees and Leadership**

Charles Wilson (Chair), Michael Harding (Accountant) and Matthew Partridge (Managing). Bernard Firkins and Andrew Butterworth have been central volunteers to the work. The executive leadership for the charity's events and communications is given by Matthew Partridge. Matt also manages the website content and takes a lead at co-ordinating the communication of the Christian Gospel at our outreach events.

- **Internal controls and risk management**

The charity operates within the guidelines and law of the UK Charity Commission. It has agreed a number of policies to safeguard attendees and volunteers and, where necessary, undertakes formal Risk assessments for major events. The accounts are

reviewed by an external examiner. Policies reviewed and adopted in the year were: Health & Safety, Inclusivity, Lone Working, Safeguarding policies.

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18/12/2024

Links Christian Trust Accounts

Financial Accounts for the year to 31 March 2024

Charity Commission reference no. 1088984
Registered 20 October 2001

Income and Expenditure Account 31/03/2024

INCOME		2024	2023
Donations from Individuals	£2,120	£510	
Events / talks	£33,995	£26,092	
Gift Aid on Donations	£1031	£0	
		£37,146	£26,602
EXPENDITURE			
Website Newsletter	£270	£92	
Events	£31,137	£26,926	
Insurance	£429	£400	
Marketing	£0	£1,500	
		£31,836	£28,918
Excess income over expenses / (loss)		£5,310	-£2,316

Balance Sheet

		2024		2023
Fixed Assets	£0		£0	
Current Assets				
Bank	£7,957		£2,647	
Debtors & Prepayments	£0	£7,957	£0	£2,647
Current Liabilities				
Accruals / creditors	£0		£0	
		£0		£0
		£7,957		£2,647
Represented by:				
Reserves b/f	£2,647		£5,293	
Excess of income over expenses	£5,310		-£2,646	
		£7,957		£2,647

Signed: 
M Harding – Accountant & Trustee

18/12/24

Date: 18 / 12 / 2024

Signed: 
C H Wilson – Chair of Trustees

Date:

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

12 MONTHS TO 31/03/2024

1. These accounts are prepared on cash accounting principles. However, there are significant receipts and payments that relate to events for the following financial year, which, if prepared on an accruals basis, would give different results for 23/24.
At 31/03/2024, such receipts totalling £4590 relating to 24/25 events and payments in advance of £2925 would reduce the surplus to £3645 for this year.
2. These accounts benefitted from £1031 Gift aid tax refunded in March 2024 of which £581 related to prior years. At 31/03/24, Gift aid donations to be claimed in 24/25 amounted to £350.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Links Christian Trust

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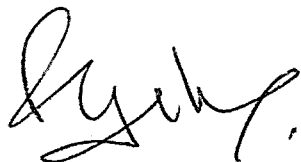
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Signed:



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Date: 19th December 2024

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LINKS CHRISTIAN TRUST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Activities

The activities of the charity continue to be the promotion of the Christian faith within a sporting environment, in particular golf, by presentation of the gospel, pastoral care and spiritual guidance.

Donations

There were 0 donations made to other charities in the year (last year £0).

Reserves policy

It is the aim of the Trustees of this small charity to hold the equivalent of one month's expenses in hand in reserve.

Trustee:



C H Wilson, Chairman

Date:

12/1/2024

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Date: 12th January 2024

LINKS CHRISTIAN TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023		2022	
Fixed Assets		£0		£0
Current Assets				
Bank	£2,647		£4,963	
Debtors & prepayments	<u>£0</u>	£2,647	<u>£330</u>	£5,293
Current Liabilities				
Accruals/creditors	£0		£0	
Loan	<u>£0</u>	£0	<u>£0</u>	£0
Net worth		<u><u>£2,647</u></u>		<u><u>£5,293</u></u>
 Represented by:				
Reserves b/f	£5,293		£6,730	
Excess of Income over Expenses	<u>-£2,646</u>	<u>£2,647</u>	<u>-£1,437</u>	<u>£5,293</u>


C.H. WILSON
12/1/2024

LINKS CHRISTIAN TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

12 MONTHS TO 31/3/23

	2023	2022
INCOME		
Gifts from individuals	£510	£620
Events/talks	£26,092	£20,003
Tax refund	£0	£0
Other income	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
	£26,602	£20,623
 EXPENDITURE		
Travel Expenses	£0	£0
Website/ Newsletters expenses	£92	£69
Events	£26,926	£21,637
Insurance	£400	£354
Marketing	£1,500	£0
Donations	£0	£0
Miscellaneous	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
	£28,918	£22,060
Excess of Income over Expenses/ (Loss)	<u>-£2,316</u>	<u>-£1,437</u>

LINKS CHRISTIAN TRUST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Donations

There were 0 donations made to other charities in the year (last year £0).

Reserves policy

It is the aim of the Trustees of this small charity to hold the equivalent of one month's expenses in hand in reserve.

Trustee:



C H Wilson, Chairman

Date:

12/1/2024

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LINKS CHRISTIAN TRUST


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Debtors & prepayments	<u>£0</u>	£2,647	<u>£330</u>	£5,293
Current Liabilities				
Accruals/creditors	£0		£0	
Loan	<u>£0</u>	£0	<u>£0</u>	£0
Net worth		<u><u>£2,647</u></u>		<u><u>£5,293</u></u>

Represented by:

Reserves b/f	£5,293		£6,730	
Excess of Income over Expenses	<u>-£2,646</u>	<u>£2,647</u>	<u>-£1,437</u>	<u>£5,293</u>


C.H. WILSON
12/1/2024

LINKS CHRISTIAN TRUST

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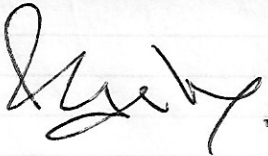
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